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NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR CONSIDERATION OF REVISIONS TO THE POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TOXICS STANDARDS FOR INLAND SURFACE WATERS, ENCLOSED BAYS, AND ESTUARIES OF CALIFORNIA (SIP) TRIENNIAL REVIEW

Tuesday, September 30, 2003--9:00 a.m.
Coastal Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
Joe Serna Jr./Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will hold a public workshop to receive comments on recommendations for SIP revisions contained in the Staff Report on Proposed SIP Revisions.

BACKGROUND

In October 2002, the SWRCB solicited comments on potential revisions to the SIP. The request was sent to 1,801 individuals throughout the State of California. Solicitation ended in late December 2002. Within this comment period, approximately 313 comments were received from 26 commenters.

The SWRCB staff has reviewed all of the comments and has prepared a Staff Report on Proposed SIP Revisions (Staff Report). The SWRCB is now seeking comments on the recommendations in the Staff Report. The SWRCB has scheduled a public workshop to consider the Staff Report recommendations and to solicit comment on the recommendations. The SWRCB will consider these comments in deciding whether to follow the staff's recommendations regarding SIP revisions. The SWRCB will not take final action on the recommendations at this workshop. Rather, the SWRCB anticipates taking final action at a subsequent, publicly noticed board meeting.

The SWRCB's SIP review fulfills the Triennial Review requirements in the federal Clean Water Act. Only portions of the SIP are subject to Triennial Review. These include, for example, the mixing zone and compliance schedule provisions. The SWRCB has, nevertheless, included all portions of the SIP in its review and has identified several portions of the SIP in the Staff Report that are appropriate for revision.

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This Triennial Review does not necessarily mean that any revisions will be made to the SIP. Future action depends on resource availability, SWRCB priorities, and other factors.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS, DOCUMENTS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

Public participation is an important part of the Triennial Review process. The SWRCB has already broadly solicited extensive comments on the SIP. The SWRCB, therefore, requests that comments be limited to the proposed revisions discussed in the Staff Report. Persons wishing to offer comments regarding these recommendations should submit written comments (preferably in electronic format) to Ms. Dena McCann at mccad@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov. Written comments on the proposed SIP revisions must be received by the SWRCB **no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 18, 2003**. Written submissions **may not exceed 4 (four) pages**. No attachments will be accepted.

On September 30, 2003 the SWRCB will conduct a Public Workshop to discuss possible SIP revisions. Participants may provide oral comments at the workshop. All participants are requested to briefly summarize their written comments. At the workshop, the SWRCB may impose time limits on oral comments in order to allow all participants the opportunity to address the SWRCB.

The *Staff Report* identifying SIP revision recommendations and a *Comments and Response* document can be obtained on the SWRCB web-site at www.swrcb.ca.gov. Requests for paper copies should be requested from: Ms. Dena McCann, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, 15th Floor, Sacramento, California 95814, 916-323-9690, mccad@dwq.swrcb.ca.gov. Please allow at least one week for delivery. Questions regarding this public hearing or future SWRCB hearings and meetings on this matter should be directed to Ms. Dena McCann at the above address.

LOCATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

Directions to the Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building are available at the web-site indicated above. Following the public workshop, the SWRCB will provide public notice of future meetings if additional SIP amendments are directed.

All visitors are required to sign in and receive a badge prior to attending any meeting located at the Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters Building. The Visitor and Environmental Services Center is located just inside and to the left of the Cal/EPA Building's public entrance. Valid picture identification may be required due to the security level; therefore, please allow up to 15 minutes for this process. The facility is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Mr. Adrian Perez at (916) 341-5880 at least five working days prior to the meeting date. TTY users may contact the California Relay service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.


Debbie Irym
Clerk to the Board

Dated: AUG 14 2003

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